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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Hussein A El-chanti

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/02, 10/02, 6/03
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to application filed on May 31, 2001. Claims 1-5 are pending examination.

Specification

2. The spacing of the lines of the specification is such as to make reading and entry of amendments difficult. New application papers with lines double spaced on good quality paper are required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,875,296 (referred to hereafter as Shi) in view of Lamb et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,697,620 (referred to hereafter as Lamb).

As to claim 1, Shi teaches an authentication method of a terminal, wherein a Compact HTML-adaptable terminal equipped with a screen memo function capable of saving there into a source file of Compact HTML logs into various kind of servers which require user authentication and are provided on an information communication network, comprising the steps of:

inputting a key code based upon said screen memo function into said terminal, to which both user information and said key code corresponding to said user information have been previously registered, said user information being used when said predetermined server executes an authentication process of said terminal (see col. 3 lines 1-46);

transmitting said user information corresponding to said key code from said terminal to said predetermined server in response to the inputting of said key code (see col. 3 lines 1-46); and

logging in said predetermined server which receives said user information and executes the authentication process based upon said user information by said terminal (see col. 3 lines 1-46).

Shi does not explicitly teach the terminal is a "portable terminal". However Lamb teaches a method of authenticating users and registering users to access a predetermined set of resources and services where the user terminal is a portable terminal (see abstract).

It would have been obvious for one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the portable terminal in Shi as taught by Lamb because doing so would allow the user to access registered services from any geographic location using wireless communication.

As to claim 2, Shi teaches the authentication method of a terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein: said user information is composed of both a user ID and a password, which are used to log in said predetermined server (see col. 3 lines 1-46).

As to claim 3, Shi teaches the authentication method of a terminal as claimed in claim 2 wherein: contents of such data as the user ID, the password, and the key code, which have been registered in said screen memo in said terminal, are constituted in such a manner that said data contents cannot be observed from the outside of said terminal (see col. 3 lines 1-46).

As to claim 4, Shi teaches the authentication method of a terminal as claimed in claim 1 wherein: said key code is composed of a numeral having a plurality of digits (see col. 3 lines 1-46).

As to claim 5, Shi teaches the authentication method of a terminal as claimed in any one of the preceding claims 1 to 4 wherein: said various kind of servers which require said user authentication and are provided on the information communication network are connected via a gateway server to said terminal (see col. 3 lines 1-46).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hussein A El-chanti whose telephone number is (703)305-4652. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

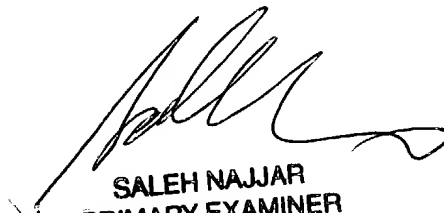
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (703)308-7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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